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EDUCATION

Emory University **Atlanta, Georgia**

Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science, 2015 – Expected May, 2021

Dean’s Teaching Fellowship at Arrendale State Prison for Women, August 2020 – May 2021

Master of Arts, Political Science, August 2019

Dissertation Title: “Understanding the Strategic Perpetration of Human Trafficking in the Context of Conflict”

Dissertation Committee: Dan Reiter, David Davis, Danielle Jung

Research Interests: Conflict Studies, Human Trafficking, Women and Gender Studies, Corruption Studies, Fieldwork, Quantitative and Qualitative Methods, Ethics in Fieldwork

Middle Tennessee State University **Murfreesboro, Tennessee**

Master of Arts in International Affairs, December 2013

Concentration: Security and Peace Studies, Corruption emphasis, Spanish language component.

Comprehensive exams: Comparative Politics, Research Methods, International Relations Theory and Security Studies.

Middle Tennessee State University **Murfreesboro, Tennessee**

Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude, May 2012

Major: International Relations

Minors: Political Science; Middle East Studies with Arabic Concentration

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“Intersecting Issues: The Impact of Race and Gender and Multiple Disadvantages in Legislative Output,” (with Beth Reingold and Kirsten Widner) *Political Research Quarterly* (July 2019).

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

“Understanding Bias in Human Rights Measurement: The Case of Human Trafficking,” (with Daniel Arnon and Baekkwon Park). *R&R at BJPS*.

WORKING PAPERS

“Conflict Characteristics that Drive the Strategic Perpetration of Human Trafficking as a Form of Sexual Violence”

“Conspiracy Theory: Understanding Collusion Between Governments and Human Traffickers as a Manifestation of Corruption”

“Experimental Evidence of the Sources of Support for Anti-Human Trafficking Policy”

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- “Determinants of the Use of “President’s Rule”: The Case of Conflict in India,” (with Tom Lancaster).
- “TIP for Tat: Political Bias in the Trafficking in Persons Report” (with Baekkwon Park).
- I have an ongoing collaboration with an anti-trafficking NGO to assess the effectiveness of an anti-trafficking educational program; the program has been piloted in the Dominican Republic in early 2019 with two additional trials set to run in Guatemala and Peru in 2020.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Emory University

Atlanta, Georgia

Co-Instructor, December 2017 – December 2018

- War and Politics (Upper-division course): Writing-intensive class co-taught with Dan Reiter.
- Independent Research in Human Trafficking (Upper-division class): This is a selective fellowship program in which undergraduate students are matched with instructors to work on research-intensive projects. I supervised up to four undergraduate research assistants per semester.

Teaching Assistant, August 2017 – December 2017

- Political Science 101 (Introduction to IR): Planned and taught three discussion section classes per week with a total of ~60 students. Graded exams and essays for ~120 students.

Middle Tennessee State University

Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Adjunct Professor, August 2014 – May 2015

Graduate Teaching and Research Assistant, August 2013 – December 2014

- Adjunct Professor: The United Nations and Crisis Simulation, Model UN Faculty Advisor
- Guest taught as adjunct: International Conflict (graduate level), Latin American Politics, Criminal Justice
- Teaching Assistant: Foundations of Government, Research Methods in Political Science, Comparative Politics

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Conflict and Human Trafficking (CAHT) Data

Atlanta, Georgia

Principal Investigator, January 2018 - Present

- Code the level and type of human trafficking perpetrated by armed groups engaged in civil conflict.
- Supervise undergraduate research assistants working on the project, January 2018 – December 2018.

Corruption and State Response in Trafficking (CASRT) Data

Atlanta, Georgia

Principal Investigator, May 2017 – August 2018

- Code collusion between government actors and human traffickers based on the Trafficking in Persons report from the State Department.
- Supervise undergraduate research assistants working on the project.

Societal Violence Scale (SVS)

Asheville, North Carolina

Research/Coding Assistant, August 2017 – Summer 2018

- Code societal physical integrity violations as reported in the State Department's Human Rights report, International Religious Freedom report, and Trafficking in Persons report.

Political Terror Scale (PTS)

Asheville, North Carolina

Coding Assistant, June 2017

- Code state-driven physical integrity violations as reported by Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch.

Emory University

Atlanta, Georgia

Research Assistant, August 2015 – Present

- Dr. Shawn Ramirez
- Dr. Beth Reingold
- Dr. David Davis
- Dr. Tom Lancaster

Transparencia Mexicana

Mexico City, Mexico

Project Consultant, May - September 2013

- Assisted in drafting national surveys dealing with public perceptions of, and participation in, corruption.
- Assisted with drafting coding manual for a dataset on transparency standards for Mexican state legislatures.

- Co-wrote, edited, and translated program evaluation plans, dataset codebooks, grant proposals, blog posts, publications, and datasets.

Charles University

Prague, Czech Republic

Undergraduate Research Program, Spring 2012

- Participated in an extended research seminar and workshop on migration patterns and their implications on political life in Eastern and Western Europe.

ACADEMIC FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

Emory University

Fieldwork, Spring 2017

Mexico City, Mexico

- Observed and worked in La Merced, a market known for human trafficking in Mexico City.
- Met with NGO staff and trafficking survivors to conduct interviews with the NGO El Pozo de Vida.
- Initiated a scholarship program for trafficking survivors seeking higher education. This program has now awarded 11 scholarships as of fall 2019 across North America.

Fieldwork, Summer 2016/Ongoing

Kathmandu/Dhangadi/Krishnanagar, Nepal

- Awarded a Predissertation Research Grant by the Institute for Developing Nations and The Carter Center.
- Designed surveys (at the request of local NGOs) given to women and girls at risk of human trafficking on the Nepal/India border and trained local staff on survey software.
- Conducted numerous interviews with trafficking survivors, NGO staff, and local stakeholders (journalist, police official, etc.) about their access to information and exposure to anti-trafficking programs.
- Conducted focus groups with communities who had received a pilot community education program to determine the program's effectiveness.

INVITED TALKS

- "Human Trafficking: Local and Global Connections to Conflict," French Consulate in Atlanta, October 24th, 2018.
- "Collecting Data on Human Trafficking: Ethical and Empirical Challenges," Graduate Research Interdisciplinary Talk Series, Atlanta, Georgia, October 2017.
- "Translating Research to Policy," Workshop with the Institute for Developing Nations, Atlanta, Georgia, September 2017.
- "Ethics in Fieldwork: Gaining Consent and the Use of Technology," Presentation for the Institute of Developing Nations, Atlanta, Georgia, April 15, 2017.

CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION (Including plans for spring 2020)

International Studies Association; 2019, 2020

Peace Science Society; 2018, 2019

American Political Science Association; 2017, 2019

Midwest Political Science Association; 2017, 2020

Southern Political Science Association; 2020

GAHRNet Spring Conference; April 13, 2018

Violence Against Women in Elections hosted by The Carter Center; February 26-27, 2017

Tennessee Political Science Association; 2013

MTSU Scholars Week; 2012

NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

"A Perspective on Engaging Scholars with Autism," *Duck of Minerva*, April 22, 2017.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Mellon PhD Interventions Grant for exploring pathways outside academia; awarded for spring 2020

- Graduate Student Travel Grant, SPSA, January 2020
- Conference Travel Grant, Emory GSC, January 2020
- Travel Grant for Peace Science conference, Emory's Professional Development Funds, November 2018
- Travel Grant for the Academic Research in Conflict and Contention Workshop, London School of Economics, 2018
- Conference Travel Grant, Emory GSC, September 2017
- Predissertation Research Grant, Institute for Developing Nations/The Carter Center, Summer 2016
- Research travel grant, MTSU Office of International Affairs, Summer 2013
- Research travel grant, MTSU Department of Political Science and International Relations, Spring 2012
- Research travel grant, MTSU Office of International Affairs, Spring 2012
- Meritorious Service in Political Science Award, Spring 2012
- MTSU Mock Trial Pillar Award, 2012
- Harry Horne International Relations Scholar, 2007

DEPARTMENTAL/UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Emory University

- Co-led a reading/discussion group meeting on neurodiversity in academia, Emory Political Science Department's Diversity in the Discipline group, fall 2019
- Mentor, "1915 Scholars Program" for first-generation low-SES college students, 2017-2018
- Curriculum Coordinator, Political Science Graduate Women's Caucus, 2018
- Member and Event Lead, Institute for Developing Nations Event Planning Committee for the 21 Days of Peace, 2017
- Graduate Representative on the Laney Development Committee, 2016 – 2017

Middle Tennessee State University

- Faculty Advisor to the Student Organization of the Society of International Affairs, 2014 – 2015
- Graduate Student Representative on the Signature Lecture Series Committee, 2012 – 2013

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Free for Life International

Nashville, Tennessee

Operations Director, April 2014 – August 2015

Administrative Specialist, December 2013 – April 2014

- Head of grant writing and reporting.
- Conducted anti-trafficking training sessions with various community and student groups. Coordinated the provision of training materials for domestic law enforcement. Provided policy briefings for state elected officials.
- Maintained field office communication with staff in Nepal and India. Managed program development.

RELEVANT VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Free for Life International

Nashville, Tennessee

Chairperson of the Board, February 2018 – July 2019

Board Member, September 2015 – Present

Chairperson of Survivor Scholarship Committee, Summer 2018 – Present

- As part of my work with Free for Life International I co-founded and now co-lead a scholarship and mentorship program for survivors of human trafficking who are pursuing higher education. In less than two years the program has expanded to offer up to 8 scholarships per semester now.
- In addition to the scholarship/mentorship program, I have assisted with Free for Life's border monitoring program in Nepal/India and a trafficking prevention curriculum utilized in the United States and several locations in Latin America.
- I frequently speak on behalf of Free for Life International to educate audiences about human trafficking and what interventions and policies are effective in preventing, reducing, or assisting those harmed by human trafficking.

1915 Scholars Program at Emory for LSES First-Generation College Students Atlanta, Georgia
Mentor, August 2017 - 2018

Nashville Adult Literacy Council Nashville, Tennessee
ESL Tutor, July 2014 – September 2014

Hispanic Family Center Murfreesboro, Tennessee
ESL Teacher, August 2013 – December 2013

MTSU Mock Trial Murfreesboro, Tennessee
Assistant Coach, August 2012 – December 2013

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Center for Faculty Development and Excellence, Emory University Atlanta, Georgia
Foundations of Online Teaching certification, Summer 2018.

International Location Services London, England
Completed training course for responding to security risks in active conflict environments and emergency medical response, Summer 2018.

OSCE
Trained Election Observer, Summer 2013

Center for Nonprofit Management Nashville, Tennessee
Certificate in Fund Development, October 2012
Certificate in Volunteer Management, October 2012

REFERENCES

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